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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian today announced the arrest of an Auburn man on child pornography charges.

The federal criminal complaint unsealed today charges WAYNE S. BEARDSLEY, age 41, with knowingly receiving and possessing child pornography via the Internet, from computers he accessed at the Cayuga Community College library. The complaint filed in U.S. District Court against BEARDSLEY alleges that in December of 2009, library staff found images of child pornography on a library laptop computer BEARDSLEY had been using. Investigation by the Auburn Police Department confirmed that images depicting child pornography were located on two laptop computers that BEARDSLEY had signed out at the library.

BEARDSLEY was arrested on the federal charges this morning, and made his initial appearance before Hon. David E. Peebles, United States Magistrate Judge. BEARDSLEY is detained pending a detention hearing, which is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2010.

BEARDSLEY faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 15 years imprisonment, a maximum penalty of 40 years, potential fines of up to \$250,000, and a required term of supervised release of at least 5 years, and up to life. If convicted, BEARDSLEY will be required to register as a sex offender.

The charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

BEARDSLEY'S arrest is the result of an investigation by the Auburn Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lisa Fletcher, who can be reached at 448-0672.